



Bulletin

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Outdoor Events & Outside Serving Areas

Now that good weather has arrived, more of your customers will want to dine outside.

Many licensees already have an outside serving area that has been approved by the Board. If your business has been approved, a check should appear on your license in the box marked **Outside Deck or Patio Service**. That approval will remain valid for as long as you maintain your outside area in the approved configuration.

ANY CHANGES. If you change or enlarge the outside area you will need Board approval for the changes. If you decide to change the approved area, contact the Board before making any changes. You may also need approval from the Health Department and Fire Marshal for the changes.

If you would like to add an outside serving area, contact the Board office. You will be advised on the requirements for containment and control required for serving alcohol outdoors and provided with the contact information for the other County agencies that may also need to approve the changes to your premises. The Board's inspectors will then photograph the outside area before you submit it to the Board for approval.

If you plan to cater an outdoor **public** event off of your licensed premises, you will need to complete the Outdoor Event Form. This requirement applies to class H caterers as well as all class B, BNR, and BDR licensees who cater off-premises. The Outdoor Event Form will assist you in making sure that all necessary County agencies have been contacted and that there will not be any surprises on the day of the event. The form is free for annual licensees and \$25 for one day event licensees. It is available in the [downloads](#) section of the Board's website.

If any licensees are planning on being away on vacation for more than ten consecutive days, please notify the Board.

New False IDs

The Board's inspectors have seen a slight increase in the use of false New Jersey and Illinois driver's licenses. As with most of the current false IDs, they appear to be coming from overseas websites. None of the false Illinois licenses seen recently have a hologram. A genuine Illinois license will have ILLINOIS repeated diagonally across the face of the license. The false New Jersey licenses are explained in the attachment provided with last month's bulletin. While this is not privileged information and most of it can easily be obtained from the internet, it should not be shared with those you catch with fake IDs. The websites that produce fake IDs use feedback from their customers as quality control. Most sites offer a free duplicate fake ID if the user sends an e-mail telling how the fake ID was detected. If you spot a fake ID, don't tell the violator how you knew it was fake.

If you notice a trend in new or unusual licenses please notify the Board inspectors. The most commonly used fake IDs change as states adopt new license formats with enhanced security features.